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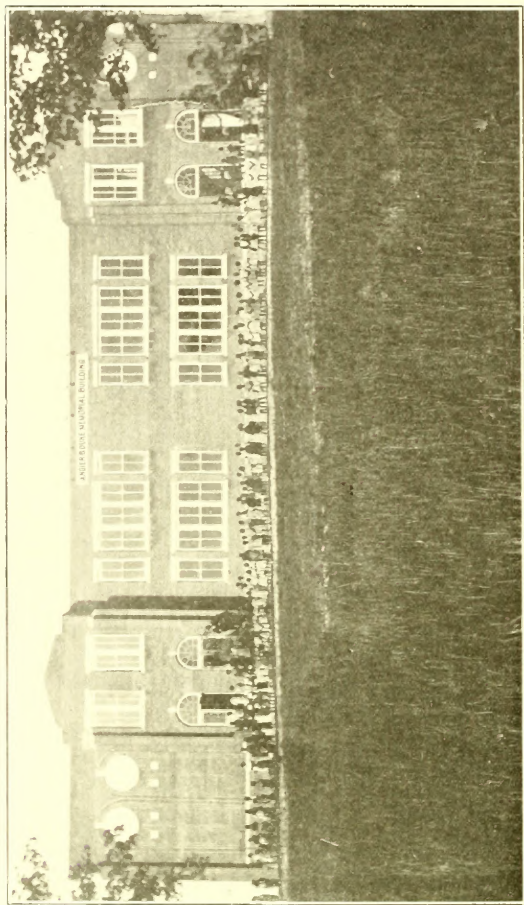
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PRESS OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE

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In Memoriam

Angier B. Duke

FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS
HE EXTENDED
TO OUR INSTITUTION
WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL.

THE COLORED ORPHANAGE

H. P. CHEATHAM, Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 1, 1925

TO

DECEMBER 1, 1926

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

It gives me great pleasure to report, that the past year has been one of substantial and unusual progress along all lines here, at the institution,

By far the outstanding feature has been the completion of the Angier B. Duke Memorial School Building, which was turned over to the Orphanage on September 16, with most suitable and interesting dedicatorial services, conducted by Drs. G. C. Shaw and M. C. Ransom, held in the Auditorium of the Orphanage Chapel building. Presided over by Dr. E. T. White of Oxford.

Because of illness, Hon. B. N. Duke, of New York City, through whose generosity and christian-heartedness this greatly needed addition, to the Orphanage, was made possible, was, to the regret of his many friends, unable to attend the services.

However, Mr. Duke was ably represented by Mr. Alex. H. Sands, Jr., and Dr. R. L. Flowers, of Duke University, Durham, N. C., both of whom delivered wonderfully inspiring addresses to an audience that taxed the capacity of the Auditorium to its limit, which was composed of the leading citizens, of both races, of the community and near by sections.

Other most powerful speeches were made by prominent citizens and educators of Oxford and vicinity, by such profesional and business men as Lawyer F. W. Hancock, Jr., Hon. A. A. Hicks, Dr. G. S. Watkins, Dr. N. C. Daniels, Pres. G. A. Edwards, Judge A. W. Graham, Dr. E. T. White and others, and the occasion will long be remembered a new epoch in the activities of the institution.

The soul of every one present was stirred and thrilled with surprise and gratitude, on behalf of the Orphanage, when Doctor White rose and announced that he had in his hand a check for \$3737.00 just received from Hon. B. N. Duke, with which to pay for the furniture in the Angier B. Duke Memorial School Building, which we are here today to dedicate and set-apart for educational and religious training of the youth.

EQUIPMENT OF THE ANGIER B. DUKE BUILDING

This building, a two-story structure with basement, fills a long-felt want. Completely equipped in every particular, it affords facilities for the most modern methods of instruction in regular classroom work as well as domestic art and science. Besides a kindergarten and six classrooms, all furnished with individual desks and chairs, there are separate rooms for the domestic science and domestic art departments. The former is supplied with a range of latest type, pantry, and all utensils required for the proper teaching of cooking. The domestic art department is furnished with sewing machines, sewing tables, and all other equipment necessary in the demonstration and teaching of the art of sewing. Furthermore, there is a library, study room, office, and wash-rooms and toilets for both girls and boys on each floor. The building is indeed a most useful and enduring monument to the great friend in whose honor it is named. Its total cost \$51,492.72, of which the institution contributed \$10,260.00 in the form of excavation work, laying the concrete foundation, and furnishing the required sand and brick (made in our own brick-yard), etc., while the remaining \$41,232.72 was made available by Mr. Duke.

FARM AND BRICK-YARD

The farm yield has again been decidedly satisfactory, and will help materially in maintaining the table of the home during the coming hard weather of winter. All our crops were successful, including potatoes, beans, peas, corn, etc., and in addition we have laid by a good

supply of feedstuffs for the stock. One the whole the farm has made a very gratifying showing this year.

Regarding the brick-yard, due to construction work on the new Duke Memorial Building, we have not attempted to make brick for the open market this year. However, this branch of the plant has stood us well in hand in furnishing all the brick needed for the new building, and a substantial saving in money has resulted. It is not expected that we shall be able in the near future to resume the making of brick for commercial sale, as our present building program will absorb all the brick we can make for the next few years, providing all goes well in this connection.

Right here, I want to insert that the 2-ton Corbitt Motor Truck, presented to the institution last year by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of North Carolina, through the good offices of Grand Master James E. Shepard, has proved of inestimable help and benefit in both the farm and brick-making departments, as well as in hauling sand and other materials to the new building. Our sincere thanks are extended to the Masons of the State for this most timely contribution and to the Stalwart Grand Master, a friend to the Orphans.

URGENT PRESENT NEEDS

Our greatest need at this time is a sewage disposal plant of sufficient size to permit of extension of the system to all the dormitories. Our present system is entirely obsolete, inadequate and unsanitary even under the most careful supervision. We also urgently need a sufficient number of bath rooms in each dormitory to afford proper and modern bathing facilities for all the children. A properly equipped laundry, with ample furnishings for our enrollment, is also mandatory. Our utmost efforts are now being devoted to the raising of funds to meet these needs.

DAIRY

We have so far been unsuccessful in bringing our dairy equipment up to the desired standard. The little

army of small children that we are called upon to support here demands a considerable quantity of milk. The State Board of Health has made a thorough inspection and gone into this matter very fully with us. From the twelve cows in our dairy now giving milk we get a sufficient supply for a per capita consumption of a pint per day. This ought to be at least a quart. If funds can possibly be secured for the purpose, we hope to double the number of cows in our dairy during the current year and to install the additional equipment needed to assure the grade of milk we must have especially for the little infants coming into our care. We need and must if possible, secure some meadow or cow land for pasture, forty-six delinquent children have been returned to their homes during the past year, leaving 244 children in the Orphanage—a majority of whom is composed of small children who should have a pint and a half or a quart of milk per day.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Although we now have modern brick dormitories for housing both the boys and the girls in the home, additional equipment is needed for each building to provide ample and proper sleeping accommodations. It is our desire to have a sufficient number of beds for our present enrollment, with only the number of beds in each room that will allow the amount of air space determined upon by the Board of Health as calculated to provide the most healthful sleeping condition.

BUILDING PROGRAM

New buildings are needed for the Infants Department, to permit of segregation of the little ones of tender years under the care of matrons trained in the caring for very young children. The home is regularly called upon to take in orphans and outcasts from the cradle age up, and experience has shown the wisdom of putting those of very tender years in a department to themselves, under specially trained matrons. This would relieve the present boy's and girls' dormitories of the

crowded condition caused by the necessity now of housing the very young children therein along with the older ones. We also have in view the construction of a Manual Training Building, to amplify the training now given the boys at the brick-yard, the saw-mill, and on the farm. This need is a highly imperative one also, and once we can see a possibility of securing the required funds we shall start work without delay.

FUTURE PROSPECTS—OUTLINE HISTORY

In referring to our hopes for the future expansion of the institution and supplying the present most crying needs as set out above, it might be well to give here a brief history of the establishment. The Oxford Colored Orphanage was founded in 1883 by Rev. Augustus Shepard and H. P. Cheatham, both then of Henderson, N. C. A board of directors was named, to whom the objects and plans of the institution were outlined as follows: To furnish a home and to care for, educate and train the orphan and offcast children of the negro race, without regard to religious or denominational affiliation.

The Board of Directors, named from ministers and leaders of different religious denominations for the purpose of securing support from all Churches and Sunday Schools as well as from the general public, unanimously accepted their posts and approved the objects and plans of the institution as drawn up by the founders.

Four years later, in 1887, the institution was incorporated under the laws of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina. The board of incorporators was authorized to appoint a board of directors or trustees for the management of the institution, and board to be self-perpetuating. It now consists of eleven members. There is also a board of audit which passes on and audits all receipts and disbursements. The board of audits is made up of three members, two of whom are officials of the two National Banks of the city of Oxford, while the superintendent of the institution serves as the third member. The Treasurer of the Orphanage is the Vice-President of the National Bank of Granville,

one of the National Banks located in Oxford, and an advisory committee consisting of three able white men of Oxford.

TITLE TO PROPERTIES

Title to all properties of the Orphanage is vested in its board of directors, for the sole and only purpose of carrying out the objects and purposes set forth above.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

The State of North Carolina contributes an annual appropriation of \$20,000.00, while the remaining funds required for the support of the institution are in the form of donations from churches, fraternal orders, and the general public, supplemented by the products of the institution itself. Of the latter, the farm has been the largest source of support to the work, supplying the tables of the home with pure food of one variety and another from its trucking and garden departments during the whole of the year, while the output of the brick and saw-mill plants has filled a great want in connection with the construction of new and urgently needed buildings. In fact, had we been compelled to go out into the open market to purchase the supplies that have come from these two branches of the work, lack of funds would have hampered almost completely the successful building progress that has been made in the past few years.

THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

The institution is indebted for substantial help during the year to The Duke Endowment, the great philanthropic trust fund created by the late lamented James Buchanan Duke. Full and complete information respecting our condition and our needs has been supplied the Trustees of this Fund, and we are profoundly grateful for the assistance already rendered our work.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The home was fortunate in enjoying a thoroughly delightful Thanksgiving season. The children were

remembered most generously by kind friends. After religious services in the Chapel, conducted by Rev. M. C. Ransom a delicious Thanksgiving dinner was served, to the complete enjoyment of all, from the youngest to the oldest child in the institution.

HEALTH OF INSTITUTION

While it is exceedingly difficult to prevent diseased children from entering the Orphanage, we have been wonderfully fortunate in not having any epidemic or serious illness to attack the Home and this is due largely to the great ability and to the patient and faithful supervision of Dr. G. S. Watkins, the physician in charge of the institution, who loses no opportunity to advise us along the lines of health and sanitation.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Other contributions during the year included a carton of highly valuable hosiery from the Shoaf-Sink Hosiery Mill Co., Mr. I. L. Sink, Secretary-Treasurer, Lexington, N. C., which was most opportune and useful indeed, while cash donations from Churches, Sunday Schools, Ministers and Deacons Union, Associations, and Individuals were as follows:

Mr. J. E. Kester, Christmas donation	\$ 25.00
Rev. B. Harper, Christmas donation	12.00
"A Friend," Christmas donation	5.00
Dr. G. C. Shaw, Christmas donation	7.00
Mr. Wiggins, Christmas donation	3.00
Mr. Geo. Barnes, Christmas donation	2.00
Wake Forest Union, Rev. I. C. Jeffreys	5.00
Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina	800.00
Grand Master James E. Shepard	25.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, West Oxford	16.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, First Baptist Church, Oxford	31.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, Antioch	30.61
Shiloh Association No. 1, by Rev. J. H. Cannady	136.24
Shiloh Association No. 2, by Mr. John Short	20.00
Vance County S. S. Convention, by Mr. N. T. Mitchell	5.00
Woman's Union Miss'y Bapt. Asso., by Miss Belle Garnes	15.00
N. E. Cannady, Esq.	5.00

THANKSGIVING GIFTS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR

Mrs. D. T. Perkinson, State Treasurers' Office, Raleigh, N. C.-----	\$ 10.00	
C. G. McCulloch-----	5.00	
N. A. Cheek-----	1.00	
G. C. Shaw-----	7.00	
Wm. Stadler (Dan River Lodge)-----	5.00	
B. Harper-----	10.00	
Gibson Mfg. Co. 160 yds. cloth, estimated value---		\$40.00
Minneola Mfg. Co. 104 yds. cloth, estimated value---		28.00
Locke Mills Co. 194 yds. cloth, estimated value---		48.00
Mrs. Jane C. Hardy, one package goods, estimated value-----		5.50
Mrs. Beulah Brown, one package goods, estimated value-----		5.50
Mrs. Mary Berry, one package goods, estimated value-----		4.50
High Point Glass and Decorative Co.-----	5.00	
Kester Furniture Co.-----	2.50	
Mrs. M. C. Ransom-----	25.00	
Lipscomb Home Mission Circle, (cloth and money)---	1.50	2.50
Mrs. C. S. Moore-----	5.00	
Mrs. C. B. Codington-----	4.00	
T. C. Harris-----	2.50	
Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer-----	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Vass, Raleigh-----	10.00	
H. E. Crews-----	5.00	
C. S. Easton-----	5.00	
M. F. Thornton-----	5.00	
St. Augustine School, by Dr. E. H. Gould-----	33.76	
Johnnie Stamper (Eastern Star Lodge)-----	7.00	
Mrs. N. A. Cheek, 1 bed quilt, estimated value---		5.00
Boxes of clothing from different friends estimated value-----		50.00
Total cash value-----	\$154.26	
Estimated values of farm products as seen on page 15-----		6102.00
Total estimate values-----		\$6291.50

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1926: (Under the Budget System)

July 1, 1925-----	Balance-----	\$ 2696.82
State Appro.-----		18999.99
Rents-----		101.75
State Grand Lodge of Masons-----		400.00
Donations-----		1775.00
Sale of Calves-----		45.00
Interest on Wilder Fund-----		40.00
Table Rent Anniversary Day-----		1168.67

Chapel Collection.....	38.41
Hire of boys.....	2557.42
Miscellaneous	33.87
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	\$28,157.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Office and Administration.....	\$ 5349.81	
Subsistence	8470.01	
House Keeping	3288.66	
Medical and Surgical	1251.56	
Care of Buildings & Grounds.....	4314.11	
Instructional	2485.70	
Agricultural	4794.46	
Nersery	92.00	
Power and Lights.....	270.66	30316.97
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Over drawn		\$2159.35

In addition to the above receipts we have on hand \$3037.50 received from the Duke Endowment Fund in June, and in addition to the over-draft of \$2159.35, we owe accounts payable on July 1, approximately \$7500.00 leaving an approximate deficit of \$6000.00.

Estimate values of the following farm products:

12 bales of cotton, average weights 480 lbs., @ 11c.....	\$ 594.00
200 bbls. corn @ \$3.00 per bbl.....	600.00
65 stacks fodder, pea and clover hay @ \$6.00.....	390.00
200 bu. sweet potatoes @ \$1.00 per bu.....	200.00
100 bu. Irish potatoes @ \$1.00 per bu.....	100.00
4745 gals. milk @ 40c per gal.....	1898.00
2½ acres turnips, 2 acres collards and winter cabbage and salads and a big crop of many other table vegetables, two crops of each.....	1800.00
20 hogs to kill, average weight each 175 lbs. 3500 lbs. @ 12c per pound.....	420.00
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	\$6102.00

ANNIVERSARY DAY

It will be noted that Anniversary Day, celebrated the last Wednesday in July, was not as satisfactory from the standpoint of financial return as is usually the case. Based on past experience, we had made preparations to care for a considerable number of friends and visitors. These came beyond our fondest expectations, but unfortunately a heavy rain began to fall before the day was

long advanced. This put a damper on the outdoor activities and selling stands, resulted in a small loss.

However, it is but fair to say that the loss is really one of bookkeeping only, for all the foodstuffs and the like that had been bought for purposes of re-sale were put to good use in the children's dining room afterwards.

TEACHING FORCE

Before closing I am constrained to mention our teaching force. We were exceptionally fortunate in securing the services of Miss Emmie Howell as teacher in charge of domestic art and science courses. A graduate of Mary Potter School and of Shaw University, Miss Howell is eminently fitted for the work of introducing and carrying on these new departments in the Angier B. Duke Memorial School Building.

We are further gratified at our good fortune in securing for the remaining departments in this phase of our work the services of Miss Rosa McGree, who will be in charge of the kindergarten and of Misses Reecher Glover, Lucinda Lockett, and Gladys Reid, who will be in charge of the grades. All these young ladies are likewise graduates of both Mary Potter and Shaw, and each is experienced and thoroughly equipped for her particular field of endeavor.

PREPARATION FOR HIGHER TRAINING

The improvement in our school work accomplished in the past few years has brought to light the fact that each year several of the children completing our highest grade are qualified to receive more advanced training. The institution has, therefore, adopted the policy of sending these children, at its own expense, to the Mary Potter School here in Oxford. The idea has worked admirably, and we plan to enter large numbers of the children at Mary Potter each year hereafter. Several of our girls are attending classes there this session, and one of our girls, graduated last spring from the Mary Potter High School, is this year attending the Hampton Institute, at Hampton, Virginia. Several of our children in the past

have entered Shaw University, at Raleigh, after completion of their course here at the Orphanage.

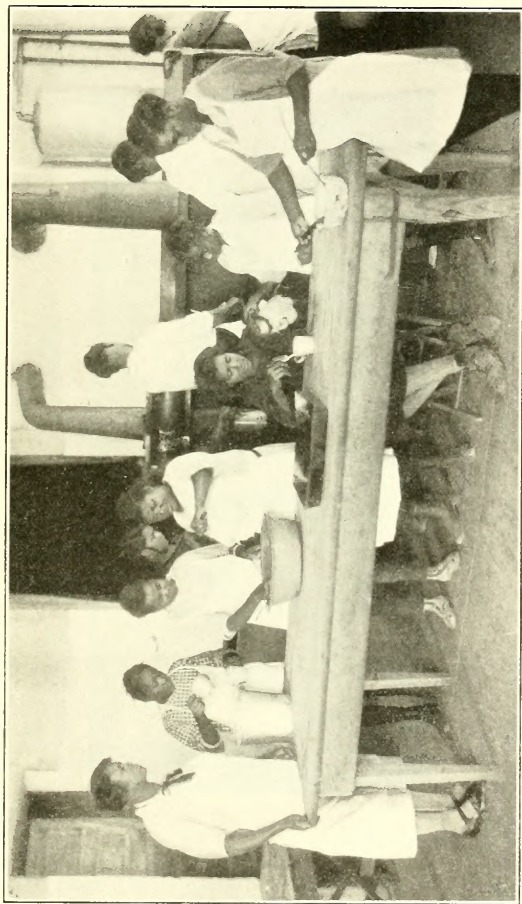
CONCLUSION

I cannot conclude this report, gentlemen, without stating just a word regarding our great and good friend Prof. H. E. Long, of Franklinton, for years a member of our Board of Directors, who passed to the Great Beyond on the 29th of September last. A devout Christian gentleman, Professor Long gave unstintedly of his time and effort for the betterment and uplift of the race and humanity. We shall miss his wise counsel and constructive help. The institution has indeed lost one of its stalwart friends and supporters.

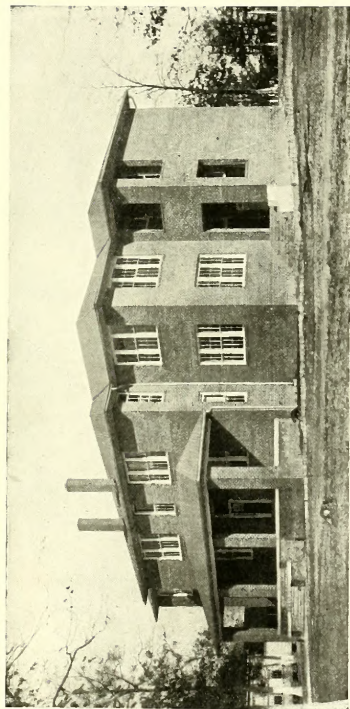
Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CHEATHAM, *Superintendent.*

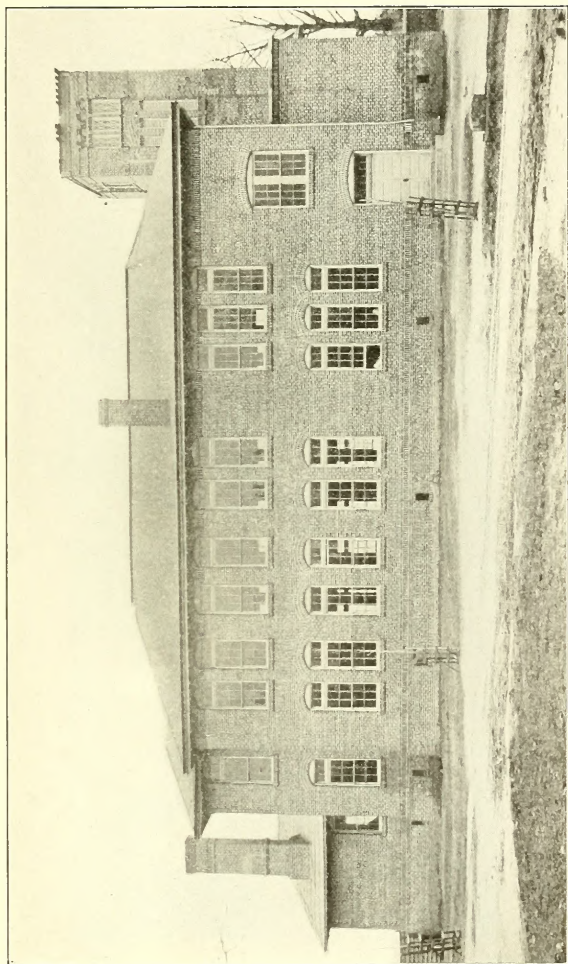
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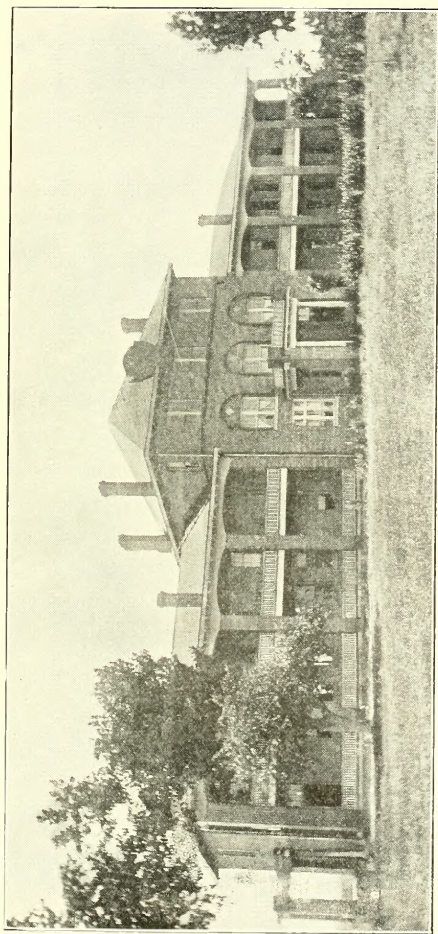
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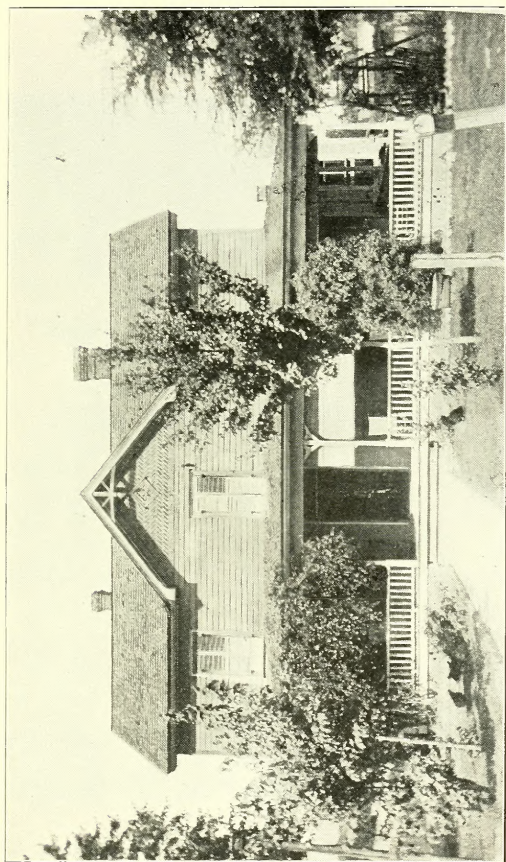
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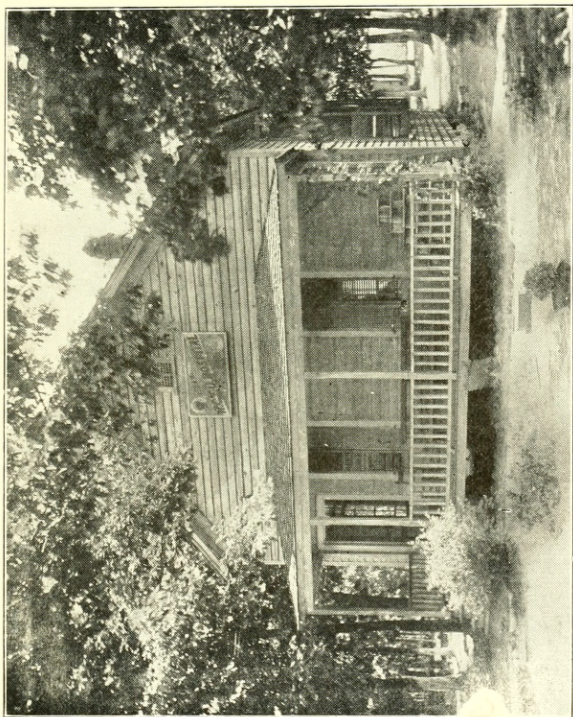
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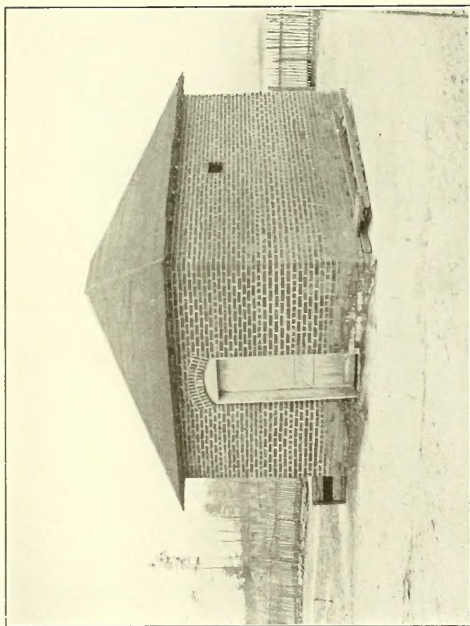
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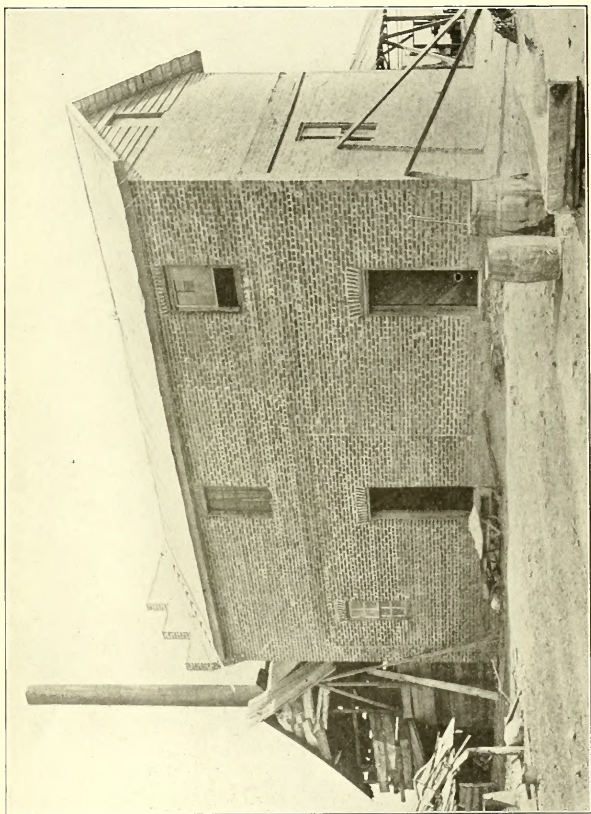
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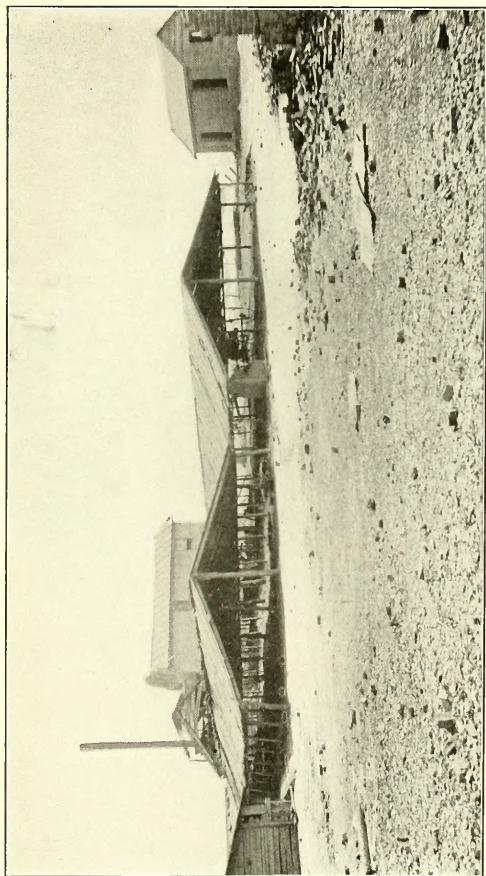
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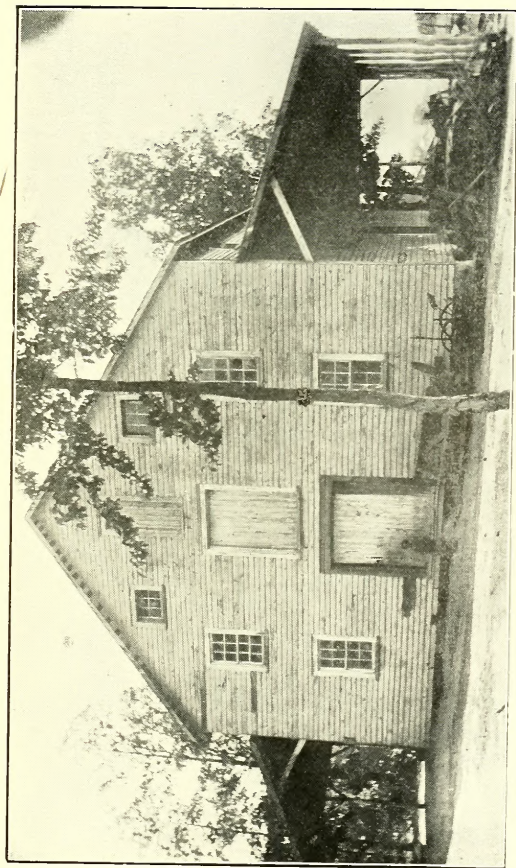
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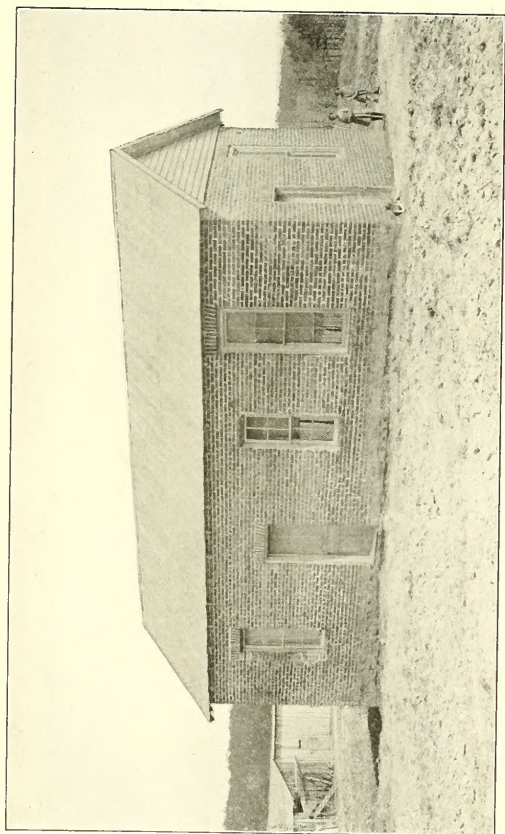
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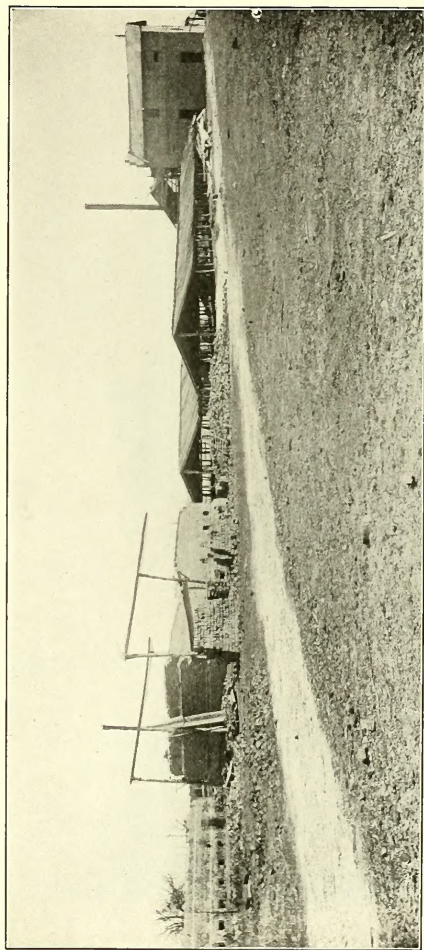
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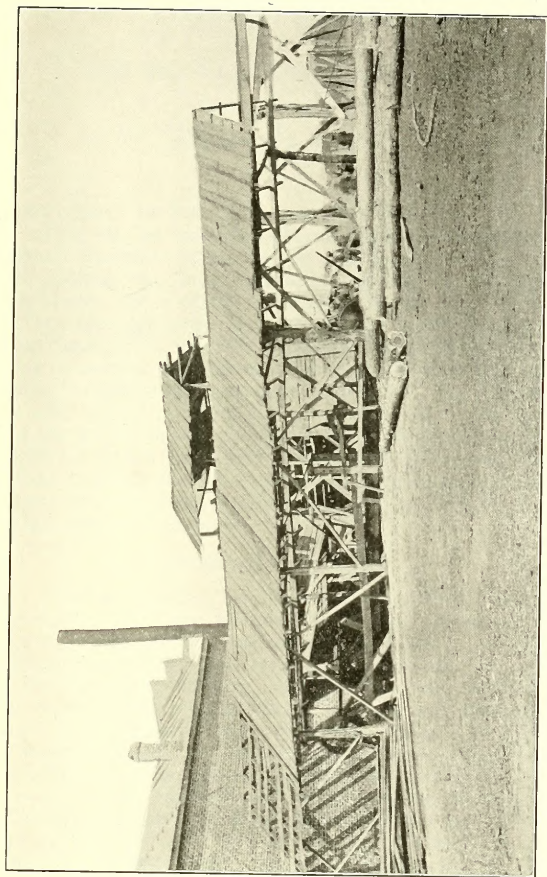
FARM AND PACK HOUSE



RESIDENCE OF THE SAWYER



BRICK KILNS AND SHEDS



SAW MILL

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GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

It is with an unusual degree of pride and satisfaction that I present to you my report for the year just ended. In addition to a home and home training for the little fatherless and motherless outcasts of the race in the State, this institution, as contemplated by the founders, was intended to also offer educational and manual training instruction designed to develop and prepare the children to lead useful and constructive lives and to make worthy citizens of the State and Nation after completion of the course here at the Orphanage. The struggle has been a long and hard one, but by persistent and conscientious endeavor we have succeeded in overcoming many obstacles, until the organization is now functioning at a high degree of efficiency.

NEED FOR CLASSROOMS

From an unsightly establishment of just a few frame structures that were not much more than fire traps, we have constructed dormitories of brick made at our own brick plant by our own boys, and the children are now safely housed in modern, sanitary, fireproof buildings. Ever depending on the Master for light and guidance, and with valuable help from the State and good Christian friends of both races, we have modernized and broadened our agricultural and manual training departments so that thorough and comprehensive training is now given the children along these lines. But our school-room work has been carried on under extreme difficulties, due to insufficient space and equipment. It has been necessary to utilize the dormitories, chapel and din-

ing hall building for schoolroom purposes, and that we have accomplished a measure of success in this phase of the work is attributable in large degree to the excellence and thoroughness of the work of our very capable teaching force.

ANGIER B. DUKE MEMORIAL BUILDING

For some time our thoughts and plans have centered on ways and means of securing a school building, but without success until a start in this direction was made possible through the bequest of \$1,000 to the Home by our late lamented friend and benefactor, Mr. Angier B. Duke. With this nucleus we set aside our brick yard production for the contribution of a school building to be named in honor of Mr. Duke's memory. Indications then were not that we could get far, but we nevertheless made the start. And while our boys were still at work excavating for the foundation, our hearts and hopes were profoundly gladdened by the receipt from Hon. B. N. Duke of New York City, the illustrious father of Mr. Angier B. Duke and always a great friend of the institution, of his personal check for \$20,000 to assist in the work. The estimated cost of this structure, which will be known as The Angier B. Duke Memorial Building, is \$48,000. Of this amount approximately \$12,000 has been furnished by the Home in the form of brick, sand, excavating, hauling, concrete work, etc., and in addition to his initial contribution above mentioned Mr. Duke has just sent his further check for \$10,000 to help on the cost of the building. We are, therefore, practically assured the balance required to finish the construction work, and the contractors promise to turn the building over to us early in January. A total of \$22,539.51 has already been paid on the contract, and specific figures covering the exact cost of the building will be included in our next annual report. The matter of equipment is going to represent a considerable item, but if successful in our effort along this line during the first two months of the New Year, we hope to have sufficient funds available by late February or early March to purchase the

equipment needed to permit of putting the building into use before the end of the present school year.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

The general health conditions of the Home have again been exceptionally good. Despite the fact that a large percentage of the inmates are of tender years, there has been no epidemic of sickness of any kind. For this ideal condition great credit is due our physician, Dr. G. S. Watkins, as well as the matrons of the different dormitories, whose efforts in efficiently caring for and supervising the children have been uniformly satisfactory throughout the year. On recommendation of the Granville County Health Officers, arrangements were made last August for the removal of the tonsils of forty-nine of the children. The operations were performed by Doctor Watkins, assisted by a staff of physicians and nurses from Brantwood Hospital. Each operation was an absolute success, and the children were all greatly benefitted. For two days after these operations no food other than ice cream could be given the children, and the institution is extremely indebted to Mr. Maydanis, proprietor of the Oxford Candy Kitchen, for his generosity in furnishing without charge all the cream needed at this period.

CO-OPERATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

The Home is profoundly grateful to Dr. A. F. Morris, County Health Officer, Mr. J. E. Jackson, Superintendent of Public Welfare, and Mrs. H. P. Guffey, City and County Nurse, for their great help and cooperation throughout the year. Twice during the year these officials came to the institution and vaccinated each child for protection against typhoid fever and diphtheria, and unquestionably our high health standards and complete freedom from the diseases mentioned are largely due to these safeguards. Our entire establishment joins in most hearty thanks to these thoroughly efficient and capable officials. When it is borne in mind that we have cared for a total of 304 children during the year—150

girls and 154 boys—it will readily be seen that modern and scientific medical aid of this kind is of the utmost value in keeping the Home clear of epidemics and scourges.

FARM PRODUCTS

The farm has again measured up to its best traditions in the volume of its yield, and we have laid by a good supply of corn, pease, beans, potatoes, and other products to help tide over the winter's requirements. Our barns have also been well filled with feed for the stock, and a fairly plentiful amount of meat will be available when the hogs are killed. In fact, we shall be in far better condition this year than last in the matter of our meat supply, for the epidemic of cholera the past years caused us to lose almost all of our hogs.

DAIRY

Due to the large number of very small children in the institution, this is a highly necessary department and our utmost efforts are constantly devoted to maintaining it at the highest point of sanitation and efficiency. We now have sixteen cows, but these are really not sufficient to supply the amount of milk needed for the number of children in the institution. We are endeavoring to double the number as soon as the required funds can be raised, in order that the quantity of milk stipulated by the State Health Department is necessary to the health of the smaller children may be made available.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

Anniversary Day this year fell on the 29th of July, and the public responded in generous numbers. The grounds were crowded throughout the day, and great interest was manifested in the work of the Home and the improvements that have been made. Prominent and distinguished citizens of both races were present from various parts of the State, and all took special delight in studying the work at first hand and seeing for themselves just what is being accomplished in the upbringing

and educating of the little unfortunates coming under our care. Mrs. M. C. Ransom, the wife of the Secretary of our Board of Directors, collected \$32.00 from white friends in the city of Oxford, and the Chapel collection for the day amounted to \$38.41.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Thanksgiving season was particularly bright and happy for the children. Friends from far and wide remembered the institution, and their valuable contributions served to make the Day a memorable one for the entire organization. Special religious exercises were held in Chapel, and the children were then treated to a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, made all the more enjoyable by a generous donation of ice cream, ample for the entire Home, by The Chapin-Sacks Co., of Henderson, and substantial gifts of confections by our good Oxford friends, Hon. B. K. Lassiter, Attorney at Law, and the management of the American Candy Kitchen. We are also indebted to the Minneola Manufacturing Co., of Gibsonville, as well as the Locke Cotton Mills Co., and the Gibson Manufacturing Co., both of Concord, for contributions of several bolts of cloth goods that are of great value and will prove of the utmost help in making clothing for the children. There were fully six hundred yards of merchandise in these shipments, and the generosity of these friends is indeed appreciated beyond measure. The Home is also sincerely thankful to the Baptist Zion Auxiliary, of Clinton, North Carolina, through Mrs. Mary E. Berry, for a box of useful and valuable clothing for the children.

The Home also received during the Thanksgiving period the following contributions in cash, to help in the work and make the season the brighter and happier for the little ones here:

Hon. B. N. Duke, New York City-----	\$250.00
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham-----	25.00
Hon. E. H. Bee, Charlotte-----	10.00
Mr. J. E. Kester, Hickory-----	10.00
Mr. P. A. Richardson, Nashville-----	7.50
"A Friend," Raleigh-----	5.00

High Point Glass & Decoration Co., High Point	5.00
Mr. C. S. Easton, Oxford	5.00
Mr. H. Susman, Richmond, Va.	5.00
Wynns Grove Home Mission Circle, Colerain	5.00
Mrs. C. B. Codrington, Dunn	5.00
Home Mission Circle, Tarboro	3.70
Home Mission Circle, Youngsville	3.00
Home Mission Circle Mocksville	2.00
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	\$341.20

Besides the cash contributions reported in this list, we also desire to express appreciation to Mr. H. Susman, of Richmond, for a barrel of most delicious apples, and to the Wynns Grove Home Mission Circle, of Colerain, for a box of clothing and other articles that came most opportunely and proved of great help in the work.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

The institution is also profoundly grateful for other contributions received during the year from Churches, Sunday Schools, Ministers and Deacons Unions, Associations and Individuals as listed below. Respecting the first item, \$1200.00 from the Grand Lodge of Masons, I am constrained to make a special statement of appreciation. We found ourselves in a dilemma to quickly and efficiently haul the brick, sand etc., required for the Duke Memorial Building, and we called on Dr. James E. Shepard, Most Worthy Grand Master, for help. He placed our appeal before all the lodges, and the result speaks for itself. With this great help we were enabled to purchase a new Corbitt truck of the latest type, which is giving us most excellent and highly satisfactory service. The list of contributions is as follows:

N. C. Grand Lodge of Masons, to assist in purchase of truck	\$1200.00
Knights of Pythias, Greensboro	152.50
Original Shiloh Association, by Bro. J. H. Cannady Franklinton	128.25
Shiloh Association No. 2, by Bro. John Short, Oxford	60.00
Deacons and Ministers Union, Penn Avenue Church	40.00
Deacons and Ministers Union, Belton Creek Church	35.00
Deacons and Ministers Union Ilong Baptist Church	40.02
Deacons and Ministers Union, Raleigh Road Baptist Church	31.63

Blooming Star Masonic Lodge, by Bro. E. Skidmore, Oxford	50.00
Warrenton Masonic Lodge, by Bro. M. F. Thornton, Warrenton	14.02
Wake Forest Association, by Dr. A. W. Pegues, Raleigh ..	25.00
Anniversary Day Collection in Chapel	38.41
Anniversary Day Collection in Oxford, by Mrs. M. C. Ransom	32.00
Home Mission Convention, Wilmington, by Mrs. M. C. Ransom	25.00
Baptist State Women's Convention, by Miss Belle Garnes ..	10.00
Women's Union Baptist Missionary Association, by Miss Belle Garnes	20.00
Kester Furniture Co., High Point	25.00
Theological Class, Shaw University, Raleigh, Christmas donation	8.00
Lawyer B. W. Parham, Oxford, Christmas donation	25.00
Dr. N. C. Daniels, Oxford, Christmas donation	5.00
Rev. G. C. Shaw, Oxford Christmas donation	6.00
Rev. B. Harper, Christmas donation	10.00
Manassas Chapel, by Miss Mora King, Franklinton	5.00
Sisters Missionary Society, by Rev. N. A. Check, Elberon ..	3.00
Mapleton Circle Home Mission Society, Murfreesboro	2.00
Mr. W. A. Kearney, Oxford	1.00
Mt. Bulan Court Chapter, No. 410, O. E. S.	1.00
Total	\$1,992.83

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The following is a condensed classified statement of all receipts and expenditures during the year, except those in connection with the construction of the Angier B. Duke Memorial Building as reported on above:

RECEIPTS

State appropriation	\$19,000.00
Grand Lodge of Masons	1,200.00
Churches, Sunday Schools, Associations and Friends	792.83
Thanksgiving contributions	341.20
Interest on Handy Wilder Fund	80.00
Labor of boys	1,969.38
Farm products	4,187.55
Sale of land at Kittrell, N. C.	136.00
Rents	87.88
Total	\$27,794.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and wages	\$ 6,059.25
Bedding and clothing	3,120.83
Subsistence	7,096.09
Wood and coal	1,371.10

Payment on Corbitt Motor Truck, contribution by Masons	1,200.00
Balance on Corbitt Motor Truck	1,087.65
Repairs, improvements, etc.	1,229.41
Office expenses, telephone, telegrams etc.	615.70
Farm, stable, outdoor expenses, etc.	4,937.65
Freight and express	410.27
Railroad fares of children, other transportation, etc.	439.76
Medical services, drugs, etc.	1,071.80
Incidentals, printing, etc.	915.25
School books, classroom supplies, etc.	542.10
Electric lights, water works, etc.	1,183.25
Payments on notes, interest, etc.	658.40
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	\$31,937.01
Less Receipts	27,794.84
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Deficit	\$ 4,142.17

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

The outlook for the future is favorable and the prospects good. Always sorely handicapped by insufficient funds, the institution is only now at the point where its efforts can be expected to reflect themselves in that tangible manner required to attract the definite attention of our good Christian friends in general who are interested in the uplift of the unfortunates of the race, and we therefore are hoping for more aid in the future than has been received in the past. This would permit of further broadening the scope of our work, and it is our prayer that we may eventually reach that point so dear to our hearts where we can turn out graduates thoroughly trained in various lines of endeavor for which there is a demand in the field of labor, so that those trained here will be assured of positions immediately upon completion of their courses.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CHEATHAM,
Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 1, 1923

TO

DECEMBER 1, 1924

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Our faith in a kind Providence and the dear people of our State for encouragement and support of our work, and in the children, the objects of our efforts for reformation and advancement, is indeed strengthened as a result of this year's experience and labors.

I might say this, we have always contented in these annual meetings that if we continued on the job with abiding faith in God and the people, believing that our cause was a high and just one, the results would be satisfactory and convincing. No previous year has been more striking along these lines, nor given more positive evidence of the correctness of this contention, than the one just past.

The work has progressed in an absolutely satisfactory manner, in all the line of our operations there has been complete peace and harmony, and all the helpers have taken hold and performed their work in a highly capable, gracious and industrious manner.

The number of children in the institution this year has by far exceeded any previous year. Through the year there have been at times over three hundred orphan and welfare children, and there are at present about three hundred. But the fact that the number of children is larger than ever before has been no hindrance to the work, nor caused the least friction or hardship, but on the contrary has given impetus and encouragement to all concerned.

The good behavior of this large number of children, with a few exceptions, has been indeed marvelous and creditable. The discipline of the institution has been

religiously maintained, the children themselves in almost all instances having most willingly complied with the rules and regulations throughout the year.

Since the institution has been provided with adequate living and sleeping quarters the health of the inmates has been exceedingly good, and we have suffered from no epidemics at all.

In spite of the fact that at one season of the year smallpox was rampant in the surrounding communities, there were only a few cases here at the Home. These were all mild, and among children just recently entering the institution. There was not a single death, all cases having resulted in complete recoveries.

In this connection, it might be well to state that the very greatest credit is due Dr. G. S. Watkins, our physician and health officer, for the thoroughly efficient and competent manner in which he took this threatening epidemic in hand.

The Board and all concerned are also greatly indebted to the most effective and timely help of Dr. J. M. Morris, the County Health Officer, who rendered Doctor Watkins and the institution exceedingly valuable assistance in promptly vaccinating the entire inmate body on one beautiful Sunday morning. This, with immediate segregation at the slightest indication of the disease, and maintenance of the most modern sanitary precautions, very quickly mastered the situation and definitely stamped out the pestilence.

The school of the institution, which always begins about the first of October and ends about the first of June, was in every respect a success. Having had a thoroughly competent and industrious corps of teachers, we know that the children of the institution were greatly benefitted.

We were very fortunate in securing as teachers Miss Emmie Howell, Miss Lucinda Lockett, Miss Rosa McGee, and Mrs. Cheatham, all of Oxford. The night school was taught by Miss Lucinda Lockett and Major Benjamin Chavis.

The exercises at the close of school were indeed creditable, and enlisted much praise by the general public present.

When the school year ends the Superintendent is put to his wits end to determine how best to engage the time of the children who are large enough to work, so that their labor may not only be fruitful to the institution, but that they may be given assignments most advantageous to their training, for we regard the training of more benefit to the children than any revenue from their labor could possibly be to the institution.

With this viewpoint in mind, the larger boys were placed at farm work, while the intermediate and the smaller classes of boys were given tasks of excavating on the campus, building up and improving the walks, etc., and others of these classes were assigned to various jobs at the brick-making plant. A large class of boys was also trained in carpentering and painting.

The girls were similarly divided in their sphere. A certain class was trained to assist in the garden and trucking department under Mrs. Cheatham, the chief matron.

Another class was given work in the dining room and kitchen department under Mrs. Carrie Short, matron in charge, while still another class was assigned duties in the department of domestic arts under Miss Martha Wynn, matron in charge of that phase of the work.

Smaller and intermediate classes of girls were trained by Mrs. Hettie Lowe and Mrs. Irene Carr in such work as sewing and mending, sweeping and dusting of buildings, sweeping the walks of the campus, and the like.

This is the way we keep the time of all classes of the children continuously and actively employed, and we believe this has as much to do with their good health here as anything else. We feel that in each and all of these departments the work has been very efficiently carried on this year, and that our accomplishments have been two-fold—first of all, splendid training and educating of the minds and talents of the children, and secondly,

their labors as a result of this training have brought a substantial and satisfactory income to the institution.

Our farm yield the past year was certainly good, notwithstanding an almost entire summer of rainfall. We succeeded in making a large crib of excellent corn and an abundance of forage, such as fodder, cut-corn, rye, clover, and oats, as well as three bales of cotton.

The trucking and garden departments yielded the most prolific crop of any previous year.

On the other hand, the rainfall prevented success in the brick-making department, and we were able to make and burn only one kiln of brick because of the incessant rains.

However, we have almost entirely made up the loss in the brick-making department as a result of revenue derived by the larger boys from helping the farmers save their tobacco and cotton crops. Just here it is gratifying to state that the efficiency of our little group of laborers has brought many compliments from the farmers, and credit in this regard is largely due to our faithful and industrious staff of outdoor helpers—J. S. Dixon, John Short, Moses Peace, Benjamin Chavis, and Henry Kittrell.

It would be impossible to do anything worth doing with this large and untrained class of boys without strict, positive, and capable managers, and each of these men has managed the boys in a highly conscientious and satisfactory manner.

It will be gratifying to the Board to know that we expect to commence work on our new school building early in the spring. Although we haven't very much money on hand, we have succeeded in saving to our building fund a contribution of \$1,000.00 made by our good friend Mr. B. N. Duke last July, and also \$500.00 sent by Mr. Duke during the Thanksgiving season. We are planning to utilize cement in laying the foundation, and consequently have enough brick on hand to carry the work to a considerable distance, by which time we will have another kiln made and burned.

We can almost assure the Board that, if nothing happens to prevent, this building will be constructed during the present year. As I have, heretofore, told the Board, the structure will cost between \$40,000 and \$48,000.

The Thanksgiving season was again a thoroughly pleasant one, and several of our good friends remembered the work. The North Carolina Ice Cream Association, through the Waverly Company at Durham, contributed an ample supply of most delicious cream for all the children and workers at the institution, and we are also thankful to the Salisbury Cotton Mills, Salisbury, the Minneola Manufacturing Co., of Gibsonville, and the Gibson Manufacturing Co., of Concord, for most useful gifts of goods for making clothing for the children. We further received the following Thanksgiving contributions in cash:

Hon. B. N. Duke, New York City	\$500.00
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham	25.00
Mr. W. A. Erwin, Jr., Durham, N. C.	100.00
Dr. J. A. Tinsley, Weldon, N. C.	5.00
Mr. V. L. Johnson, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Mr. C. S. Easton, Oxford, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. C. B. Codrington, Dunn, N. C.	3.00
Mr. Frank Snyder, Belhaven, N. C.	5.00
Mr. J. P. Bunn, Rocky Mount, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Hardaway, Oxford, N. C.	2.00

We are also profoundly grateful for the following most helpful contributions made during the year by Churches, Sunday Schools, Associations, and Friends:

Hon. B. N. Duke, New York City	\$1,000.00
North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons	250.00
Siloh Association, No. 1	131.06
Shiloh Association, No. 2	50.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, New Light Church	30.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, Antioch Church	35.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, Cinnema Grove Baptist Church	36.50
A Friend	1.84
Ford Motor Co., Charlotte, N. C.	5.00
Vance County Sunday School Convention	5.00
Baptist State Convention	50.00
Neuse River Association	10.00
Holliness Convention, Goldsboro, N. C.	5.00
Rev. G. A. Mial, agent, collection from friends	14.50
Grand Lodge of Knights of Gideon	16.00
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows	21.20
Mrs. Compton	1.00

Mrs. Deliah Durham	1.00
Sunday School boys from Durham	1.00
Women's Union Meeting at Coefield, N. C.	7.87

The following donations were also made to the work by kind friends present on Anniversary Day:

Reverend Waddill	\$2.00
Adolphus Hayes	1.00
Curtis Peace	1.00
Dr. J. E. Baxter	1.00
C. H. Williamson	1.00
P. L. Baker	1.00
Nora Alston	1.00
H. Bullock	1.00
J. L. Terry	1.00
Lucy Hamm	1.00
Henry Henderson	1.00
K. C. Long	1.00
William Alston	1.00
Alex. Peace	1.00
Mrs. Shirley Hopkins	1.00
Mark Richardson	1.00
Sandy Richardson	1.00
A. Marrow	1.00
T. E. Kennedy	1.00
James Gill	1.00
J. R. Anderson	1.00
John Eaton	1.00
L. M. Oakley	1.00
B. P. Cooper	1.00
N. M. Rice	1.00
J. A. Garner	1.00
B. P. Perry	1.00
S. Underwood	1.00
Martha Crews	1.00
Dr. E. E. Toney	1.00
J. S. Dixon	1.00
H. P. Cheatham	1.00

The following is a condensed classified statement of receipts and expenditures, with certificate of correctness appended by the committee of audit:

RECEIPTS

Regular State appropriation	\$ 20,000.00
Temporary State Appropriation for delinquent children	10,000.00
Churches, Sunday Schools, Friends, Associations, etc.	1,672.47
Thanksgiving contributions	646.00
Anniversary Day receipts	297.78
Interest on Handy Wilder Fund	80.00
Labor of boys	1,099.04
Rents	72.08
Sale of brick, etc.	206.95
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	\$ 34,074.32

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and wages	\$7,984.79	
Bedding and clothing	4,843.06	
Subsistence	7,106.32	
Wool and coal	1,197.23	
Repairs, improvements, etc.	2,783.02	
Office expenses, telephone, etc	720.56	
Farm, stable, garage and outdoor expenses	5,983.87	
Freight and express	558.84	
Railroad fares of children, and other transportation	389.31	
Medical services, drugs, etc.	1,200.90	
Insurance	435.25	
Incidentals, printing, etc.	1,292.17	
School books, stationery and classroom supplies	1,500.00	
Electric lights and water works	1,521.08	
Anniversary Day expenses	44.90	
Payment on notes, interest, etc.	833.00	
New brick storage house	2,750.00	
		41,144.30
Deficit	\$	7,069.98

To the Board of Directors of the Colored Orphan Asylum:

We, the Committee of Audit for the Colored Orphan Asylum, cheerfully testify to the correctness of Supt. H. P. Cheatham's accounts, which we have carefully examined and audited every quarter of the past year.

T. C. HARRIS, *First National Bank,*

C. S. EASTON, *National Bank of Granville.*

In closing, I am happy to report that the results of the year's labors are quite satisfactory in every particular, and all indications point to the coming year as one that will be even more satisfactory in all lines. The atmosphere of friendship and good will from the masses of the people in North Carolina, both white and colored, certainly indicates a brighter day for our work. We have tried to show to the State and its citizens that we are here for business, both for God and humanity, and we are greatly encouraged by both words and acts from the dear people of our State. Indeed, the work has expanded to such an extent that it is becoming favorably known in other States, and is regarded as the largest and most high grade institution of its kind for the colored race in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CHEATHAM,

Superintendent.



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